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**DOH CITES THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU FOR  
WATER VIOLATIONS AT KUALOA PARK**

HONOLULU – The Hawai'i State Department of Health's Clean Water and Wastewater Branches have issued a Notice of Finding and Violation Order against the City and County of Honolulu (City) for the illegal discharge of wastewater at the Kualoa Regional Park in Kaneohe. The City has been cited for discharging or releasing wastewater from its comfort stations into State waters and onto the ground, violating State Water Quality Standards (SWQS) and Wastewater rules.

"It is such a big loss when people can't use the ocean," Laurence Lau, Deputy Director for Environmental Health said. "We want the beach to be safe for swimming. The City has a responsibility to maintain its parks' comfort stations and protect the health of residents and visitors who use the parks."

The Department of Health posted warnings signs at the Kualoa Regional Park from December 2, 2005 through May 23, 2006, based on high bacteria counts (that exceeded SWQS) in ocean water samples taken off shore of the wastewater comfort stations, and related investigations.

The Department again posted warning signs at the park on January 12, 2007, for the same reasons, and the signs remain up. The department samples the waters three times a week.

DOH imposed a penalty of \$300,000 on the City for the violations in 2005 and 2006 and has ordered the City to take immediate remedial actions to prevent further wastewater discharges to the water or ground. The City and County of Honolulu has 20 days to contest the order, and if it does, a hearing will be scheduled.

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